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Junior high talents showcased

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Over 100 junior high students eight schools across St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 took part in last Wednesday's Communication Showcase, hosted by F.G. Miller Junior/Senior High School at Elk Point Senior Citizens' Centre.

Performers from Ashmont, Mallaig, Two Hills, New Myrnam, Racette, Glen Avon and Heinsburg joined the FGM teens for almost three hours of entertainment ranging from reader's theatre to monologues, skits to original stories and poems, and much more.

Ariel Kwasnycia, Shaylene Bezpalko, Erica Ferris and Alyx Aarbo served as mistresses of ceremonies for the event.

Two young ladies from Myrnam gave their interpretation of the "Summer Nights" song from the movie "Grease," while three of their schoolmates turned the aggravation of dealing with automated call-directing systems into a comedy skit. A Heinsburg youth related a legend about the sun, moon and stars while another Myrnam student paid tribute to the legacy of a rodeo man. Three girls from Elk Point recited a funny poem about way too many choices to be found while shopping for shoes and Two Hills teens portrayed the embarrassment that can come from shopping with Mother.

A Glen Avon student gave a heart-wrenching monologue about bullying leading to suicide, an Ashmont student dedicated his oral interpretation to his late grandfather, while three of his schoolmates paid tribute to a deceased heavy metal star.

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Vicki Brooker photo

Decisions, decisions

F. G. Miller Grade 8 students Seanna Leaf, Katie Maennchen and Kelsey Vinge were faced with the dilemma of choosing the perfect shoes for way too many choices in their poetry recital, "Shoes," at the Junior High Communications Showcase in Elk Point last Wednesday.

Chamber serious about station

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce agreed Wednesday night that it was time to get serious about the train station project.

President Sandy Smith, town manager Myron Goyan and advisor Walter DeSilva agreed to meet with Thomas Kondla to add the necessary final details to the application Kondla had put together for the provincial grant which will fund half the project.

Smith and Kondla met with professional fundraiser Darcy Acton after the last chamber meeting, and Acton, who recently worked successfully with the Allied Arts Society to help them obtain funding for their facility, provided the chamber with a list of information needed on the application, which must be submitted by April 1.

"In order to go forward, the chamber has to commit wholeheartedly to the project, and we have to commit money," Smith said.

The chamber currently has a healthy bank account, and final figures from the 2007 Christmas Extravaganza show a \$4,000 profit from that event. DeSilva, who has considerable experience in fundraising for projects, suggested the

chamber continue fundraising with additional events, and predicted that once the group is committed to the project, "people will get on board."

Dave McRae of Redwater, who the chamber later agreed will become project manager for the station, suggested one of these could be a street dance, which would be inexpensive to put on and a good source of income for the project. A sportsmen's dinner with hockey celebrities, a silent auction, a charity hockey game and a quad or snowmobile rally were other suggestions.

"There are lots of building blocks you can work with."

McRae has been working on a \$5.7 million renovation project at the Redwater arena and said all but \$2.2 million of that had come from granting and fundraising. "Fundraising was the hard part, but for a \$500,000 project, it's not a hard component." He added that, "you have something in this community that's phenomenal. The community spirit is there, you just have to harness it."

The chamber agreed to hire both Acton and McRae, at such time as the grant funding is approved.

Bob Bezpalko offered to put together an information package for distribution to potential contributors to the project.

All-Stars come out at F.G.M.

By MIKE POMERLEAU
Staff Writer

There was just one thing left to do before the St. Paul Athletic Association (SPAA) put this year's basketball season to rest and that was to let this season's best players battle head to head in an all-star game.

The SPAA 2008 All-Star game took place last Wednesday at F.G. Miller high school and showcased some of the league's best players this season. Each team in SPAA had at least two representatives in this year's game, which was more about having a little fun than it was about winning. The players were divided into two teams, Team Red and Team White. And while winning wasn't the objective for the teams, it was still in the back of some players' minds over the course of the game.

On the boys' side, the game would need overtime to settle things as the fourth quarter ended with the score tied at 78-78.

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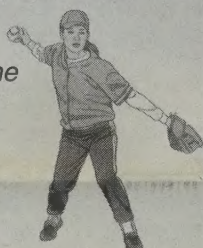
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Teamwork gets job done

Teamwork! How many times have you heard it said, "It takes teamwork to win the big game"? Or "there's no 'I' in team"? Or "they played like a team"? "Well, the best darn team that I have seen all year was the provincial hosting committee team, the parents and volunteers that made up this group involved in pulling off the biggest tournament held in the AG Ross Arena in five years.

It started back in December when Elk Point was awarded the pee-wee D provincial tournament. Almost everyone was thrilled, although some were just a little skeptical at first.

What did we just get ourselves into? As the date got closer, the tension grew greater. None of this group had ever been involved in



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hosting a provincial tournament. But they were strong and never weakened. And because they were a new group, they came up with many new ideas. Some of the old folks offered advice. "This is the way we always

did it before. " And they did a lot of things the same as always, but they did it their way, with just a little twist to make it better than ever. In other words "they thought outside the rink! " The silent auction and the raffle table had never been done before at any of our provincials. It took extra manpower to operate the tables, but paid off with big time dividends. The photographer was something new, and that took some work to find equipment to stand on and a place to set up her display. Other challenges arose during the day. The sewer backing up, the plant going down for a while, the

heaters on, the heaters off, these were just a test to see how you could handle the stress, how your emergency action plan would react. And the team passed the test with flying colours.

Everyone who was ever involved in minor hockey came back to help, just like old times, because others had helped when their son or daughter were playing in a provincial tournament. And it's really hard to mention names in case we miss someone, because all of you were just as important and everyone involved did their part and you know who you were, but I will risk missing some and mention a few of the team players.

All-stars shine at FGM

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In overtime, Team White took control and the F.G. Miller and Ashmont players led the way to victory. Brett Lindquist and Kris Smith each had four points in overtime, enough to lead the team to victory as they defeated Team Red, 90-86.

Joel Amyotte of the Mallaig Stingers was Team White's biggest contributor. Amyotte racked up 20 points during the night, including a big shot in the final minute of the fourth quarter and then a dagger in overtime that helped seal the win for his team. Kris Smith also played a huge role in the game as he scored 16 points, including 13 in the second half and in overtime.

Meanwhile, F.G. Miller's Tyson Proskiw played a big hand in attaining victory; he had eight points but had plenty of assists throughout the game that led to baskets. At the end of the game, Proskiw received the MVP award for his performance.

Derek Campbell of the Glendon Nobles led Team Red in scoring with 17 points and Jesse Miller of the Falcons was right behind with 16 points. Luc Amyotte of the Stingers had 13 points and Bryant Schnurer of F.G. Miller had 12 points.

On the girls' side, Team Red got out to a very strong start and they carried that right to the finish, as they were able to defeat Team White by a score of 52-45. At one point in the game, Team Red was ahead by as many as 20 points.

But Team White didn't quit and in the fourth quarter, down 45-25, they would try to rally a comeback. Leading the way for Team White was Tamara Flondra of the Vilna Vipers; she scored seven of her 14

points in the final quarter and led the way down the stretch.

Heather Quinney of the Vilna Vipers led Team Red in scoring with 13 points, while Taylor Jenner of F.G. Miller was next in line with 10 points. Flondra led Team White in scoring as she had 14 points and Cree Makokis of the Ashmont Falcons had 11 points in the win. Claudine Gladue of Ashmont was named MVP.

And what would an All-Star game be without a skills competition? This year's game had a three-point competition and a two-ball competition. The two-ball champs at this year's game were Bryant Schnurer of the F.G. Miller Crusaders and Cree Makokis of the Ashmont Falcons.

The three-point champs were Gerald Houle of the Ashmont Falcons and Logan Davis of the Glendon Nobles, Rebecca Ozsust of the St. Paul Regional JV Saints and Shalene Bezpalko of the F.G. Miller Crusaders.

Team captain, Donna Ockerman was our tournament chair. Some of her assistant captains, Jay Duffee and the town crew, Lucille Smith and the seniors on the front door, Sharon Ballas the opening ceremonies chair, Jim Hawkins the MC, the Skating Club, the other minor hockey players and parents, Leanne Vinge and the bantam girls decorating committee, the novice cleaning crews, the many, many concession and pancake breakfast workers, Jeannene Ference and the Atom runners, a Big Loonie guy named Ray, and other people who donated time to work raffle tables, or donated the prizes, or money, Carrie Becker and the finance committee, Kris Ann Jenner and the program committee, Jim Vinge and the off-ice officials, Mark Woytkiw and the on-ice officials and of course head coach Johnny Quinney and the assistant coaches of the Avalanche, and any other of the many people I may have missed, and finally, especially the parents of the team, who came out night after night doing whatever it took to pull off the big event and did it without complaining. Now that's what I call a team!

The Bantam Girls Storm are the only team left playing; they will be going to Sylvan Lake this coming weekend to compete in a tournament there. To stay in shape, this past Wednesday night they played an exhibition game against Wainwright, Kelsey "the Champ" Vinge scoring, Chelsea Botting assisting.

On Thursday night Elk Point Minor Hockey hosted its wind up banquet and next week we will have full coverage of that event.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "One thing I hate is people screaming at me. If you want me to do something talk to me. When someone screams at me to hurry up, I slow down." Last week's answer to: "I'm not dumb enough to be a goalie." - Brett Hull. Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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"Saloonkeeper's Daughter" a smash hit

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Elk Point Choral Society and Friends closed the final curtain on their 2008 dinner theatre season March 16 with a final toast to "The Saloonkeeper's Daughter."

Nine capacity crowds laughed, booed and sighed their way through the musical melodrama over the past three weeks, enjoying the antics and songs of the cast of 12 and the fine piano playing of Barb Buryn.

Set in a wild west saloon created by Blaine Easthope and his crew, the show told the tale of Red White (Lawrence Pidluzny), a saloonkeeper doing his best to keep his business afloat and his customers entertained. Dancing girls Cinnamon Hickey (Dixie Coleman), Sally Forth (Christine Jubinville) and Molly Bolt (Mabel Gottenbos) keep such customers as Grimy Geezer (Shilo Salzman) and Seedy Schlepper (John Sieben) happy, but are not too successful at getting them to part with their money, and thus help Red make the mortgage payment.

Real live villain, Mannly Rasch (Alan Kostyniuk) held the mortgage, and was

itching to get his hands on the property so he could sell it to developers, and was willing to do whatever dastardly deeds were necessary to get it in his greedy grasp.

Red was surprised to see preacher's daughter Charity Kindly (Cheryl Kurash, who also directed the show) come in the saloon looking for her dad... and when she didn't find him, three fingers of whiskey.

"It's tough to be a preacher's kid," she lamented. She didn't want to be wild, "just not mild," and said "finding a feller isn't difficult, but keeping one is."

In fact, one found her. Red's brother, Blackie White (Don Conrad), home after a stint in jail, was smitten on sight, but a more than a little leery when he found out her parentage, and thought maybe the saloon girls were more his speed.

Blackie's was not the only homecoming. Red's daughter Lily White (Kloe Jean Coleman) was returning after years in the Far East learning cooking and deportment, to take over the kitchen at the saloon. She's a pretty young thing, and when Old Seedy told Mannly Rasch that she's the heiress to the saloon, he quickly formulated Plan B.

Parson Kindly (Udo Mueller) stopped in on his way to ring the noontime bell and was sidetracked by the beguiling Cinnamon, who offered to buy him a sarsaparilla, or several.

Then along came Rusty Witts (Shelby Mueller), who had just returned from a long cattle drive and was struck almost dumb by Lily's beauty. When her horrified father found she'd spent the mortgage money on fancy groceries, Rusty and the saloon girls gathered up \$56.75 out of their various hiding places, and Charity emerged with the last quarter to make up the payment, but Red says he can't take her money.

The mortgage still wasn't in default, because the noon bell hadn't rung, and wasn't likely to be rung for a while. It seems those sarsaparillas were pretty strong, and Cinnamon was taking the preacher home so he could take a nap first. Luckily, she found 50 cents on her way, and Red had the money he needed.

Mannly wanted a word with the preacher, and when he found the church locked,

he climbed through a window and found some very interesting survey reports, showing an oil deposit under the church. Hmmm... maybe he should be making time with Charity, instead?

That didn't work, because her father disowned her when he found out she planned to become one of the saloon's dancing girls. Charity and Lily shared girl talk and a bottle, and both declared they didn't want to be a villain's sweetheart.

When the rumour spread that the parson wasn't really a parson, but the infamous outlaw, Slippery Roads, and the plot really thickened. What a surprise to learn that that wasn't so - he's really an undercover detective and Blackie is the real Slippery Roads, and he's served his time.

In the end, love won out. Charity was ready to ride off into the sunset with Blackie, Lily accepted Rusty's proposal, Cinnamon finally captured the so-called parson's heart, Molly waltzed off with the Grimy Geezer, Red realized his love for Sally. That left the old conspirators, Mannly and Seedy -

but - surprise! Seedy was really a woman, and she was more than willing to rope and tie Mannly for a trip to the communal altar.

Makeup was by Ellen Seward, lighting and sound by Garry Townsend and Rob Walker, and program by Velma Hudson.

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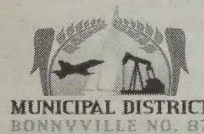
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Keep them coming back

We generally think of tourism as something that happens in the summer, when people go on vacations and weekend trips. But really, the definition of a tourist is someone who travels away from their home on business or pleasure. You can be a tourist at any time of the year, and you don't have to go all that far away from home in the process.

The people who came here for the Oilmen's Bonspiel fit the definition of tourists, as do those who came from all over the province for the Provincial Hockey Championships. The people who came to the dinner theatre from communities outside our own area also fit the criteria, and so will the people from all the MuniCorr municipalities who come down the trail on the ride they have scheduled for mid-April.

Our goal in all these cases is to make these visitors welcome and to tell them about all the other great events we have coming up. Let's keep them coming back.

Way Back When...

Provincials, Pool's plans, president

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 IN...

1988

Two Elk Point figure skaters brought home provincial medals, Katharina Ludlage winning the pre-novice ladies gold and Tobey Conrad winning the preliminary ladies' bronze, which they displayed to an enthusiastic crowd at the annual ice carnival. The zone champion Windsor Midgets, coached by Murray Scoggins and Troy Lorensen were off to provincials in Valleyview.

1993

Beaverlodge Midgets came up from second place in their round robin to win their second consecutive provincial championship in a tournament officially opened with a puck drop by Elk Point Minor Hockey's founding president, Ray Hellquist, Thunder captain Tyson Stafford representing Elk Point in the face-off. Elk Point Chamber was told by new Agriculture Committee head Millie Orr that Alberta Wheat Pool had a 10-year plan in effect and hoped to be in Elk Point at least that long, although they planned to cut the number of Pool elevators from 257 to 52 during that time frame.

1998

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce finally filled their executive roster, with John Yettaw, originally voted in as vice-president, moving up to the president's chair, Vic Stepa taking the role of vice-president, Diane Balash remaining as treasurer and past-president Vicki Brooker moving into the secretary's chair to replace Kelly Hovdestad, who resigned due to work commitments. Elk Point Agricultural Society had an enthusiastic capacity crowd on hand for their Bull Chutin' Classic, where 20 top bullriders took on 37 rank bulls from the Franklin and Les Trach strings.

2003

Health Region #7 CEO Bob Cable and board chair Bob Jackson put rumours of closure of Elk Point health centre to rest when they visited the Interagency Health Committee on their first visit to a specific group within the region. "Grease" was the word at Elk Point Skating Club's carnival, which featured former club member Daylan Hoffman as the guest skater.



Vicki Brooker photo

Whole lot of weddings going on

Bewildered bridegroom Manley Rasch and Seedy-Schlepper-turned-blushing-bride, along with happy couples Lily and Rusty, Sally and Red, Blackie and Charity, Molly and Grimy, Cinnamon and the Parson, said their vows at the end of "The Saloon Keeper's Daughter," a melodrama that surprisingly turned into a love story.

GUEST COLUMN

Easter Time

Yes, this last weekend was Easter weekend and for those of the Christian faith, it was an important time to celebrate the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was also a time for putting eggs into children's baskets, and observing other Easter traditions. Do you know where some of these Easter symbols and traditions come from?

In the Germanic languages, "Easter" – also called "Pascha" – was taken from "Easter", the Saxon goddess associated to the spring. Indeed, many years ago, the Saxons celebrated the god of the spring, called "Eostre" and held festivals every year to celebrate the Spring Equinox, when the day and the night were equal in length. These festivals were celebrated to ensure fertility across both the land and people. The Saxons converted to Christianity and the name of their celebration became "Easter" in order to celebrate both spring and the religious Pascha times. The idea behind the two occasions is different but they share common symbols and traditions that people still use today. Briefly explained, the Christian Easter occurs as follows: the first Sunday after the full moon that follows the spring equinox (according to the Gregorian calendar). Except for the Orthodox Church that still refers to the Julian calendar (13 days behind the Gregorian calendar). So Easter is a mobile holiday that oscillates between March 22nd and April 25th. Regarding Easter Monday, it is just a bank holiday and it has no religious meaning.

Easter, both religious and popular, has its symbols. Here are a few: The Easter Eggs. The use of eggs in celebration existed long before our modern day observance. Indeed, in Egypt and ancient Persia, people used to dye eggs with the colors of the spring and gave them to their relatives. Eggs were considered as symbols of rebirth. The Easter Bunny. The first animal that has been associated to Easter was not the rabbit but the hare. The hare is an animal symbolizing abundance, proliferation and renewal. He was regarded as an animal which was very prolific, especially in the spring and was a symbol of life and fertility. The rabbit was the symbol of Easter, the Saxon goddess. The idea of the rabbit as a part of Christian tradition was introduced in colonial days by the Germans. The hare and the rabbit were associated to the Easter eggs for the first time in Alsace and Germany six centuries ago. The Paschal Lamb. In the New Testament, Jesus is often identified with the lamb, and especially the paschal lamb, as there is a parallel between his death and that of the paschal lamb – the

lamb is sacrificed in both western and eastern religions. And so in many countries, people eat a leg of lamb on Easter Sunday. The Easter Lily. This flower, which is also an Easter symbol, is a Japanese flower. The lily is the symbol of the arrival of the spring, purity and holiness. This flower is known for its beauty and its pride. A legend says that at the time Jesus went to a place, all the flowers, plants and animals bowed to his passage, except the lilies: they were too proud. But when the lilies saw Jesus on the cross, their head bent and since that day, they continue to bend their head as a

sign of respect. The Cross. The symbol of the cross has been associated with Christianity and Easter since the first centuries after Jesus' death. The cross was a symbol of Jesus, who died to save all those who receive baptism. In Anglo-Saxon countries, people bake "hot cross buns" (buns marked with a cross) that they eat on Good Friday. Besides all these traditions, Easter has become a time to spend in family gatherings. So between family, legends and tradition, I hope you all had a happy Easter.

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from the FCSS desk

Elk Point theatre offers belly-busting laughs

The Salon Keepers Daughter - Annalee and I attended this hilarious comedy, not once, but twice. Yes, the local talent took a script of limited depth and molded it into a belly buster.

The Elk Point Community Choir offered an evening of great food, friendly service and entertaining banter. If you missed this opportunity, shame on you. Better book early for next year....

I am writing to make special mention of the effort the members of the choir exerted in making the evening possible for myself. The challenge of attending an event while in a wheelchair is no small obstacle. Special thanks to Red the saloon owner, Grimy Geezer, Seedy Schlepper, Manly Rasch, Blackie White and our personal attendant Marj who helped man the lift and cross their fingers for me.

Bryan Hearn
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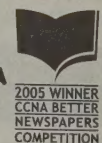
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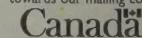
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Successful year at Elk Point Municipal Library

By VICKI BROOKER
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It's been a good year at Elk Point Municipal Library, according to reports librarian Daphne Schnurer and library board chairman Laverne Wilson presented at last Wednesday's annual meeting.

"We increased our visibility in the community," Schnurer said. "Our focus was to enhance our marketing strategies and to increase programming throughout the year." In addition to the seniors' teas held monthly from September to June, the library continues to provide a senior outreach program. The increased community programming included hosting such events as a celebration for the library's anniversary, a Halloween evening with tales and treats, a genealogy workshop and a volunteer appreciation night. The summer reading program once again proved to be popular and a valued asset in the community.

It hasn't been all fun, Schnurer admits. In fact, "our big project this year was weeding and inventory. A great group of volunteers, board and staff tackled this enormous project, and the community has definitely seen the benefits."

The library is very fortunate to have a large base of dedicated volunteers in their Friends group, Schnurer says. "They are an important part of ongoing operations at our library. We appreciate their dedication in helping to keep our library an up-to-date, viable resource in our community."

Schnurer reported a 2007 circulation of 13,081 items and a collection totaling 20,089 items.

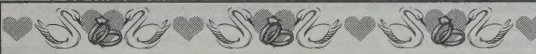
"This year we became more aggressive in the operation of the library," Wilson reported. "There was a need to reach out to more town and community patrons and groups and to upgrade the technology of the library. To do this, we needed road map for a plan of service, which sets up a plan for the next five years. The plan began in 2007 and will be completed and put into practice early in 2008."

Wilson says a full complement of board members, increased library use and a successful summer program as well as an upgrade of public use computers have been part of the past year.

Wilson thanked Schnurer "for her insights toward making our library a place to spend time in a pleasant atmosphere," and thanked the County of St. Paul and the mayor and council of the town of Elk Point for their continued support, and the library board and the patrons who use the facility.

Wilson said he is looking forward to "many changes for 2008 which will continue to make our library a place for people of all ages to enjoy and satisfy their library needs."

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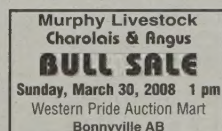
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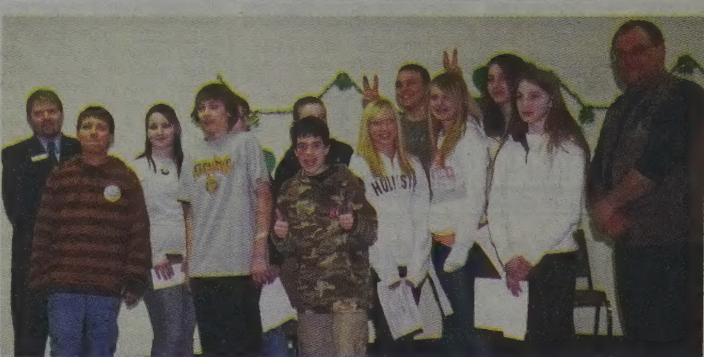
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Shaun Roche of Servus Credit Union (far left) and school board trustee Darrell Younghans congratulated F. G. Miller's participants in the Communications Showcase held last Wednesday at the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre.

Showcase

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Students from Mallaig and Racette delivered an original play, an opinion piece, a reader's theatre and a recitation in French.

Children's literature, from classics like "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Alice in Wonderland" to Robert Munsch's "Paper Bag Princess: and "50 Below Zero" were great subjects for the young actors and actresses from Glen Avon, Racette, F. G. Miller and Mynam.

The schools themselves became the topics for two numbers, a crowd-pleasing "school rap" by a Two Hills girl and a hilarious but totally fictitious skit, "a day in Grade 8" by three boys from FGM.

School board trustee Darrell Younghans commended the performers on their courage, and said he "loved their interpretation of mature subjects, from very serious to downright hilarious. This has been very entertaining, and the original material was just great. Don't ever stop creating."

Glenda Bristow from SPERD's central office said she thought the event was "really fun. I was so, so impressed."

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